



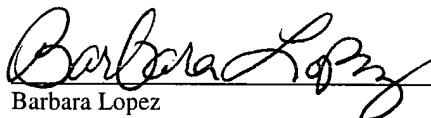
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## Title

Catheter insertion device

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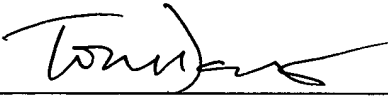
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**CATHETER INSERTION DEVICE**

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

**Kevin Woehr**

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
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4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
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  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
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6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
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9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
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